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11.1 DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the specialized Homeland Security message key is to make rapid and easily recognizable notification to public safety personnel in the event of a national, regional, or local threat situation. Messages are formatted the same as Administrative Messages (AM) with the exception of the message key. Two message keys are used for this purpose.

The purpose of the Homeland Security message (HS) is to notify First Responders, i.e. the Police, Public Safety and other emergency type agencies in the event of National, Regional. or local area threat situation.

The Homeland Security Law Enforcement Only (HSL) option gives the sender that capability of sending only to Law Enforcement Agencies. The HSL option will add the caveat "LAW ENFORCEMENT DISSEMINATION ONLY".

See Appendix A, Section 11.0 for XML formats and examples.

See Appendix B, Section 11.0 for Native formats and examples.

11.2 AM MESSAGE KEY

HS	Homeland Security Message – All Nlets terminals
HSL	Homeland Security Message – Law Enforcement Only

The Nlets system places the following header at the top of the message
"FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DISSEMINATION ONLY"

11.3 AM DESTINATION LIMITATIONS

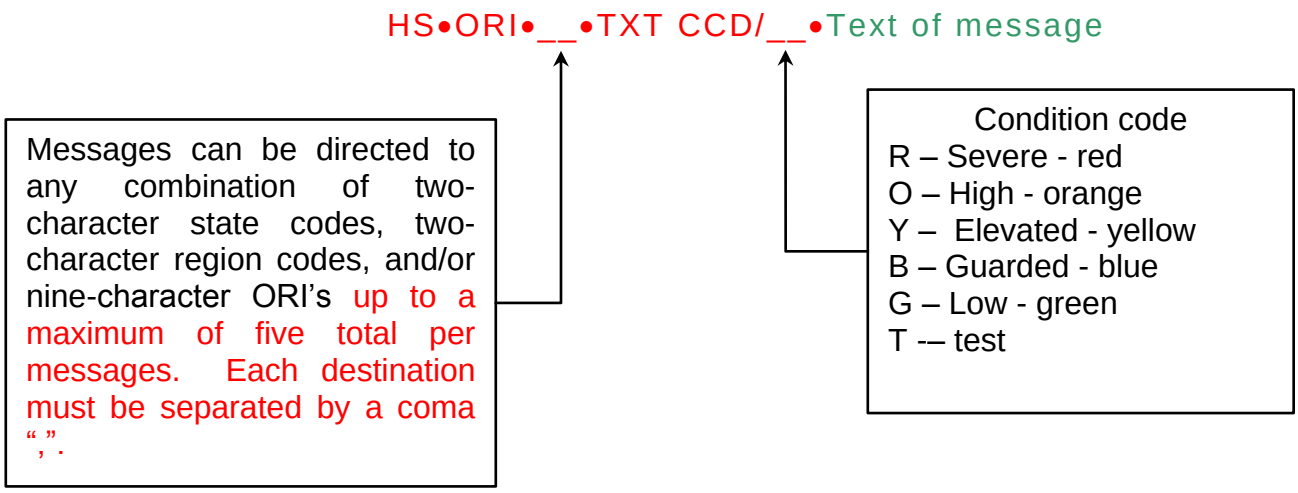
HS	May be sent to any combination of ORI's region, or destinations codes
HSL	May be sent to any combination of ORI's, region, or destinations codes

11.4 DATA ELEMENTS

11.4.1 HS DATA ELEMENTS

Field	MFC
Message key	None
ORI of requesting agency	None
Destination code	None
Fixed field prefix denoting beginning of message	TXT
Condition code	CCD/
Text of the message	None

11.4.2 HS FORMATS



Based on code entered in the CCD/ field, a different threat-level caveat is placed at the beginning of the text of the message

Mandatory fields

Optional fields

11.4.3 HS INPUT MESSAGE - EXAMPLE

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HS.OR0370000.OH0260200.TXT

THERE HAS BEEN AN UNBUSTANTIATED THREAT TO ALL TALL BUILDINGS LOCATED IN THE
UNITED STATED.

DETECTIVE SMITH
LEDSTEST COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
P.O. BOX 14360
SALEM, OR 97310
503-123-4567
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11.4.4 HS OUTPUT MESSAGE - EXAMPLE

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 (AP)
REQUEST NATIONWIDE BROADCAST

***** HIGH PRIORITY MESSAGE *****
***** HOMELAND SECURITY ALERT *****
***** CONDITION BLUE (GUARDED) *****

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11.5 HOMELAND SECURITY MESSAGE KEY RESTRICTIONS

These unique message keys allow receiving Control Service Agencies to distinguish it from a normal Administrative Messages. The Homeland Security message (HS, HSL) can only be sent by agencies designated by "Homeland Security Officials" and is delivered with the highest priority allowed by Nlets.

11.6 MESSAGE FIELD CODE (MFC) DIRECTORY

Each message transaction is comprised of multiple data elements; this section provides the necessary information on data elements for this transaction. Each data element is identified by a specific field name. Each field name is abbreviated with a unique three-character code called a message field code (MFC). The MFC's are sorted alphabetically, then followed by a plain-word description of each. The number immediately following the description indicates the maximum number of characters allowed for that data element. Below the description line is text describing specific requirements for this field.

11.6.1 CCD THREAT LEVEL CONDITION CODE – 1

MANDATORY

Alpha only. The current homeland security threat level must be included in each message transaction. The following table identifies acceptable codes

Code	*Color*	*Definition*
R	Red	Severe
O	Orange	High
Y	Yellow	Elevated
B	Blue	Guarded
G	Green	Low
T	Test	Test